

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4 at line 20 as follows:

B1

The steering gear 14 includes a housing 16, a pinion 18, and a rack 20. The rack extends longitudinally through the housing 16. The housing 16 partially defines a fluid chamber in which is located a piston (not shown) fixed to the rack 20. The rack 20 is supported for axial movement relative to the housing 16. Upon rotation of the vehicle steering wheel 26 22, fluid under pressure is directed against the piston, causing the rack 20 to move within the housing 16 in a direction parallel to a steering axis 24. Axial movement of the rack 20 moves the steering linkage 12 connected to the ends of the rack.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7 at line 7 as follows:

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The tie rod assembly 26 thus extends between the rack 20 and the steering knuckle 32. The tie rod assembly 26 interconnects the rack ~~80~~ 20 and the steering knuckle 32 in a force-transmitting relationship. The length of the tie rod assembly 26 is adjustable by loosening the jam nut 68, rotating the ball stud 10 of the inner tie rod 40 relative to the socket 42 and to the outer tie rod 60, and retightening the jam nut.